

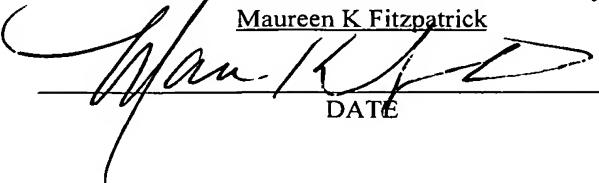
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**REPLY TO REQUIREMENT TO RESTRICT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §
121 AND 372**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement for the above captioned application mailed on 31 December 2003, Applicants provide the following elections and remarks. Please charge any additional fees that may be required in support of this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

REMARKS

 In response to the requirement to restrict between Examiner's Group I (claims 1-18), Group II (claims 19-31) and Group III (claim 33), Applicants elect Group I drawn to spermine:peptide-based surfactant compounds, with traverse. Applicants respectfully assert that

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the special technical feature of the instant invention is intimately associated with the novel and non-obvious structures of the compounds within the scope of claim 1 and claims dependent thereon. Ekrami et al. does not disclose or suggest the instant compounds. Hence, there is a technical feature that linkes the inventions of Groups I, II and III, and that defines a contribution over the prior art. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the requirement to restrict.

Regarding the Examiner's requirement to elect a species, Applicants elect the compound specifically claimed in claim 14. This compound is disclosed in the instant specification as GSC4 and is the subject of instant Example 2 set forth at pages 10-11. Claims 1, 2, 4 ,7, 8, 10, and 19-31 read on this elected species. Applicant acknowledge that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

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